

ANOTHER KIND OF DEMOCRATS

THE PROGRESSIVES MEET IN ALBANY AND ORGANIZE

Plan Outlined to Cut the Ground From Under Hearst and Eliminate the Democratic League, Which is Said to Be Under Control of Wall Street.

ALBANY, July 4. Outlining a plan to cut the ground from under the Hearst machine and insisting that Wall Street Democrats had control of the Democratic League, F. C. Leubuscher of New York city, a former Hearstite, addressed two scores of Democrats from different points of the State who met here today to form a progressive organization of progressive Democrats to take part in next fall's campaign. This movement really is declared to be another Hearst attempt to outwit Hearst and the Hearst machine at the same time endeavoring to force the nomination of Gurney or a Gurney man for governor by the Democratic State convention.

Mr. Leubuscher as temporary chairman called the conference to order. He asserted that the progressive Democrats wanted a Democratic candidate for Governor of the type of Gurney or Justice Sedgwick, a former Hearst man.

We are conferring to-day," said Chairman Leubuscher, "because the Democratic machine in this State is influenced by the beneficiaries of special privilege and is not progressive. The Hearst leadership, now happily ended, was both a tragedy and a comedy. While the Dix leadership is more respectable, yet it was largely brought about by what is known as the Wall Street crowd, consisting of the recipients of the bounties of traction and telephone interests. The State convention is only a few months distant, but the organization does not present a constructive program. Its professions of confidence in the coming campaign are founded entirely on the dissatisfaction of the people with Republican dishonesty and mistakes, national and local. The Republican politicians are generally considered to be the lackeys of the corporations, but in this State at least the interests buy the Democratic politicians more cheaply. Gov. Hughes in his efforts to bring about some reform is supported by a majority of the Republican legislators, but opposed by practically all the Democrats. The organization does not represent the sentiments, convictions and desires of the mass of Democratic voters. If a referendum were had today, for instance, I venture to say that nearly every Democratic State committee member would oppose it and the large majority of Democratic voters would support it. The organization and the interests which it represents are afraid of a real direct primary law, for then 'Gubbs' occupation would be gone."

Aware of the bad repute of the machine a number of well meaning Democrats have organized a league. Its projects from the country districts were sincerely determined to infuse some principle into the New York Democratic party, but after the Wall Street crowd got through with it the bag succeeded only in spreading a veil over the machine's rustiness. None knew better than the leaders of the machine that the league will not bring a vote to the Democratic ticket that it would not otherwise have.

Hearst has served notice that he is going to have his finger in the New York State pie this year and the politicians are beginning to tremble. They realize that with Hearst in the field the glowing promise of Democratic victory will be dimmed, notwithstanding high prices, and the Republican mistakes. It has not yet penetrated their organic minds that the way to beat Hearst is to meet him on his own ground, to stand on the same power is that he stands for some progressive reforms that the people desire, to matter how little he believes in them himself or how selfish his motives may be. The way to beat Hearst is to stand for the initiative and referendum, to stand for the principle of the people's rule, to stand for home rule in taxation and in all matters relating to the people and the public ownership and operation of public utilities and to show them meanly by driving all the Wall Street crowd into the Republican camp, where it belongs.

If these and many more progressive plans, including the election of United States senators by the people and the passage of the income tax amendment are put into the Democratic platform and sincerely supported, Hearst will be politically killed and the Democratic League ejected. In addition the party should also stand for constructive legislation, in which Hearst is more of a Republican than a Democrat. Hearst is protectionist, but New York Democrats must prepare for a large extension of the free list and for large reductions in the remaining duties. Hearst also stands against the New York city Common Council rate as he is relegated to the rear. The same course should be pursued with those members of the Legislature who voted against the income tax amendment.

And the way to show that the party is sincere is not only by putting progressive plans into the platform but by nominating candidates to stand on the platform whose records are consistent with it.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of A. J. Elmer of Buffalo as chairman and William Lustgarten of New York city as secretary. The address to the people of the State adopted by the conference was that the real Democratic sentiment of the State is voiced when the following demands are made:

Candidates in Congress who believe the tariff is a fraud and a sham and who will work for the largest possible extension of the free list.

Initiative, referendum and recall.

Home rule for municipalities and counties with power to own and operate public utilities as desired by the people.

Abolition of personal property tax.

The adoption of the constitutional amendment giving the Federal Government the right to impose an income tax.

The nomination by the approaching Democratic State convention of a candidate for United States senator.

MACHINE EXPECTS PEACE.

Does Not Look on Roosevelt as Bringing a Sword Into the Party Councils.

William Barnes, Jr., Republican leader of Albany county, and other up-State Republicans, who met yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Hamilton in Albany, were not at all alarmed by the news that Roosevelt was to be nominated for Governor by the Albany county convention.

BALTIC COMES IN PATCHED

HOLE IN HER PORT BOW WHERE TANK RAMMED HER

Shock Awoke a Few of the Passengers, but Didn't Amount to Much Tank Left Her Hoveup in the Water and Put an Injured Fireman Aboard.

A patch on her port bow fifty feet from the stem and fifteen feet above the water line, covering a rent about two feet wide and four feet long, indicated the damage that the tank steamship Standard inflicted on the White Star liner Baltic when the two ships collided in a fog about 1,000 miles east of Sandy Hook at 11:34 o'clock on Thursday night. Fortunately for the liner, the tank had the old fashioned clipper stem, surmounted by a stubby bowsprit, which halted her sufficiently to make the blow a light one that the solid part of her bow smote on the thin steel wall of the Baltic.

The upper part of the tank's stem and her bowsprit went clear through the plates of the Baltic and the tank's bow crumpled. Her stout collision bulkhead kept the water that ran into the hole in her bow from entering her forehold. The Baltic's plates on a line extending perpendicularly from the rent to the water line were started and water seeped into one compartment. The pumps easily kept this free. The responsibility for the collision has not been fixed. Capt. Ransom of the Baltic will say nothing about it, and the skipper of the tank, Capt. Rupert, may not be heard from until she puts into Halifax for repairs.

The Baltic was going at reduced speed when the tank, heading northeast for the high latitudes that would save her a hundred miles or more on her trip to Copenhagen, hove in sight. Capt. Ransom says there was a mist and that it was possible to see about five miles. Passengers said that there had been a thick fog and that the air was still pretty heavy with mist when the tank rammed the Baltic. The sea was smooth, and the tank, which has a maximum speed of about ten knots, was not going more than about six. Her skipper had seen the Baltic soon enough to stop his engines apparently. The Baltic's engines also had been stopped and reversed, her commander evidently hoping to knock out of the water the tank. He missed doing it by fifty feet.

The shock of the collision was not pronounced enough to wake the sound sleepers. Several passengers who were in the smoking room when the collision occurred felt a jar that was somewhat like that made by the running of a line against her, per while making a clumsy docking. The smoking room contingent, including the Duke of Suffolk, ran out on deck, conscious that the big ship had not discovered a new sea monster, but the tank drifting astern along the Baltic's port side.

The cessation of the rhythm of the engines almost as many as the impact did, and soon there were many women crowding the saloon companion ways. A large number of the women were in nightgowns. Most of the men went out on deck and saw the Baltic pass over a boat, which rowed toward the plume of smoke that the Standard was emitting. The officer in charge of the boat asked Capt. Rupert if he wanted assistance, and he answered that he did not, but he would like to see a doctor if one of his women which had been sleeping in the forepeak had been hurt. The woman, Richard Howard, was lowered into the boat and taken to the ship's hospital. He is not seriously injured.

The tank lifted off in the mist with her crew making temporary repairs. The Baltic's engineering force made a patch of wood and steel for the wound in the bow, fastening it with steel bolts. The work of the section of men attached to the tank was finished. The Baltic stopped in two hours after the Standard's punishment.

Passengers who were unharmed by the collision were Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, James H. Palmer, Jr., and his wife, who were in the saloon when the collision occurred. Mr. Palmer said that he was in the saloon when the collision occurred and that he saw the tank. He said that the tank was heading northeast for the high latitudes that would save her a hundred miles or more on her trip to Copenhagen. He said that the tank was going at reduced speed when the Baltic was going at reduced speed.

COCKMAKERS VOTE STRIKE

Balloting was 18,771 For to 650 Against Plans of Committee.

The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Clockmakers made an official canvass of the strike ballot of the clockmakers yesterday, the result showing 18,771 votes cast for and 650 against a strike. When the polls closed on Sunday night there were crowds who came too late at all the voting places, aggregating 6,000 or 7,000.

The demands are to be issued to-day and the present programme of the strike committee of forty-five is to submit the demands first to the 1,500 manufacturers in the trade and then the executive committee will fix the date for the strike. It is thought possible, however, that the clockmakers will skip out from the shops as soon as they hear the result of the strike vote. The demands include a nine hour workday, a union agreement, abolition of the piecework contract system and an average increase in wages of thirty-five per cent.

President Rosenberg of the International Women's Garment Workers said last evening that the forty-five non-union clockmakers will quit with the union workers when the strike takes place. Some of the manufacturers had charged the union with having taken down their factories to head of the strike, he said. In all twenty manufacturers have temporarily discharged their employees.

A general strike of children's jacket makers in 75 factories involving 3,000 men and women was declared yesterday for a fifty-three hour working week, abolition of piecework and \$1 a week increase in wages committee of the clockmakers union met last night and issued this revised scale of demands.

Recognition of the union, forty-eight hour working week with a Saturday half holiday, overtime not more than two hours and a half during eight months of the year, unless the workers are working to full capacity of the factory, no subcontracting in the factory and no work to be taken home, electric machines to be installed and maintained free of charge, minimum scale of wages, Cuts, \$21 a week; sample tailors, \$24; jacket pressers, \$22; skirt pressers, \$20; jacket under pressers, \$18; pressers (operators or tailors), \$16; the basis of 25 cents an hour; week workers to be paid for all legal holidays; employers to guarantee wages of employees of outside contractors.

Riverhead Bank Dissolved.

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Detectives who were engaged by the young man's father after the disappearance were told at hotels and Broadway resorts that Davenport had been there. In some of the places it was said that he appeared to be dazed or to have lost his way. Early in the morning of February 11, the day following his disappearance, a man had fallen from the deck of a Thirty-fourth street ferryboat. The body was not recovered.

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ICEBOX COMBUSTS

Romeo Effenberger, Its Owner, Formulates a Theory to Account for It.

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Sceptical observers are inclined to place the blame on an ordinary firecracker which found its way within the icebox when Romeo was not looking, but Romeo says he was watching the icebox all the time and that could not possibly be the case.

Romeo took advantage of the safe and safe Fourth to clean up his shop, and one of the steps in that process was a thorough cleaning of the icebox. This he set out in the warmest and driest place he could think of right back of the old Hotel in Main street.

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Buildings were erected in the vicinity of the spring after the lease was sold by the Lackawanna, which, however, retained perpetual and exclusive rights to the water supply. The purity of the water was affected and the town was also polluted by the under drainage. The Lackawanna then abandoned it as a source of supply for the railroad. The lease has now been relinquished to the new owners of the property, who purchased it from Mayor Crawford, objected to the holding of the water rights by the Lackawanna. The railroad company annulled the lease because it no longer has use for the water as it is no longer a part of the railroad.

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MEASLES BAR CELEBRATION

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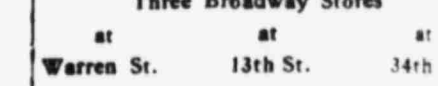
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